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Many thanks, Alisha.

Here are my questions:

- Pro-fracking groups are telling me that the EPA is delaying this report because they want to hold off on the peer-review process. Is this true?
- What does the EPA say about criticism about the way the Pavillion study was conducted? I'm looking at articles like this one.

Cheers,

Jillian

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Hey there, Meeting bound but can talk a little later. In the meantime, want to send your additional questions so I can see how best to help?

Jillian Melchior ---01/11/2013 12:07:46 PM---Hi, Alisha, Thanks for sending this over. I had a few further questions. Can you talk briefly by pho

From: Jillian Melchior <jmelchior@nationalreview.com>  
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Hi, Alisha,

Thanks for sending this over. I had a few further questions. Can you talk briefly by phone?

Many thanks,  
Jillian

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EPA has announced an eight month extension to September 30, 2013 for the public comment period of the draft research report titled, "Investigation of Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming." During this time EPA will continue its public outreach activities including meeting with key stakeholders and posting additional technical information on the agency's website. This extension will allow the public additional opportunity to comment on EPA's draft report and the latest round of sampling conducted by EPA and USGS. The Agency will take into account new data, further stakeholder input, and public comment as it continues to review the status of the Pavillion investigation and considers options for moving forward.